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MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1847.

Thursday, Jan. 28, 1847, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting,—the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Mr. SIBLEY was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. George Folsom, F. A. Whitney, Charles Ewer, Rev. Charles Brooks, the New Jersey Historical Society, and from Messrs. Winthrop, Bowen, and Sibley, of this Society.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, relating to the claim of the Commonwealth to the Hutchinson papers, now in the Society's Library. Whereupon, it was

Voted, To refer the communication to the Committee to whom was referred (December meeting, 1845) the former communication of the Secretary on the same subject.*

Mr. F. C. GRAY announced the death of Hon. John Davis, LL.D., one of the oldest and most eminent members of the Society; and, upon his motion,

Voted, That Rev. Dr. Francis be requested to prepare a memoir of Judge Davis for publication in the Collections of the Society.†

* This communication was substantially a repetition of that read at the December meeting in 1845, to which the Secretary had received no reply. — Eds.

† Judge Davis, elected a member in December, 1791, President from 1818 to 1835, died Jan. 14, 1847. The memoir by Rev. Dr. Francis is in 3 Collections, Vol. X. pp. 186–203. — Eds.

The Standing Committee reported that, from respect to the memory of the late Judge Davis, they would not make any nomination this day to fill the vacancy occasioned by his decease.

Mr. SPARKS introduced an unpublished autograph manuscript of George Chalmers, purporting to be a continuation of his Political Annals; and, in behalf of Mr. O. Rich, of London, offered it to the Society in exchange for publications by the Society. Whereupon, it was

Voted, To refer the subject to the Standing Committee to examine the manuscript, and purchase it, if they see fit, by exchanging for it volumes published by the Society.

Present — The President, Appleton, Austin, Blagden, Codman, Davis, Ellis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, Jenks, Lincoln, Lowell, Paige, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Robbins, Sibley, Sparks, Ticknor, White, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Feb. 25, 1847, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Eli French, J. B. Corwin, William G. Brooks, Hon. John Davis, of Worcester, the United States Treasury Department, the Mercantile Library Association, the Pennsylvania Historical Society, and from Messrs. R. Frothingham, Jr., Winthrop, Sibley, Savage, and Lincoln, of the Society.

President Everett was excused, on his own request, from serving on the Committee to whom was referred the claim made by Mr. Secretary Palfrey, on behalf of the Commonwealth, for the Hutchinson papers, and Mr. F. C. GRAY was chosen in his stead.

Professor SPARKS stated to the Society that there were thirteen volumes of the papers of the late Governor Bernard now in the hands of a gentleman in Providence, which could be purchased for about £120 sterling. He further stated that he had permission to have them placed in his possession for a time. And, without recommending any course for the Society to pursue in the premises, it was

Voted, That Messrs. Sparks, F. C. Gray, and Ellis be a committee to examine the papers, and make report to the Society.

Mr. F. C. GRAY, from the Standing Committee, reported that they had purchased Chalmers's manuscript continuation of his Political Annals, by exchanging for it four copies of the Society's Collections.*

The Standing Committee nominated Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, M.D., of Boston, for Resident Member, *vice* Hon. Judge Davis, deceased.

Present — The President, Appleton, Bowen, Chandler, Davis, Ellis, Felt, Francis, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, Jenks, Lowell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Sparks, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

* This continuation was printed by the New York Historical Society, in 1868, from another manuscript which came into the possession of Thomas Thorpe, a London bookseller, at the sale of the author's effects, and which subsequently passed into the possession of Mr. Bancroft. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, March 25, 1847, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Old South Church, the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, the Pennsylvania Historical Society, Messrs. Nathaniel Willis, Thomas Fisher, David Reed, Charles Brown, "A Friend," and from Messrs. Savage, R. Frothingham, Jr., Winthrop, and Sibley, of this Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Historical Society of Kentucky, reciting an Act of the Legislature of that State, tendering to all such Historical Societies as might wish them, copies of all Acts, Journals, and Public Documents published by the authority of that State. Whereupon,

Voted, To accept the offer of the Legislature of Kentucky, and that the Corresponding Secretary answer accordingly.

NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF, M.D., of Boston, was elected Resident Member, *vice* Hon. Judge Davis, deceased.

Dr. PALFREY made a statement relative to his course in presenting for the consideration of the Society the claim of the Commonwealth to the Hutchinson papers.

Present — The President, Appleton, Chandler, Codman, Davis, Ellis, Felt, Francis, R. Frothingham, Jr., Hoar, Lowell, Lunt, Palfrey, Pierce, Robbins, Sibley, Ticknor, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1847.

Thursday, April 29, 1847, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated to the Society Dr. Shurtleff's acceptance.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Rhode Island Historical Society, the American Philosophical Society, Hon. Alexander H. Everett, the City of Boston, Rev. Augustus R. Pope, John Stetson Barry, and from Messrs. White, R. Frothingham, Jr., Sibley, and Bowen, of this Society.

He also stated that he had deposited with Ticknor & Co. eighty-seven volumes of the Society's printed Collections, at the request of Mr. Sparks, for Mr. Rich, of London.

Mr. F. C. GRAY, from the Committee on the Hutchinson Papers, reported that in the opinion of the Committee "the fact that the Society have held this Collection in undisputed possession for more than a quarter of a century is sufficient of itself to render any further inquiry on their part entirely superfluous. The Committee therefore recommend that they be discharged from the further consideration of the subject."

Which report having been read, it was

Voted, To accept the same.

On motion of Mr. F. C. GRAY,

Voted, That a copy of the letter of David Trumbull, son of the late Governor Trumbull, dated "Lebanon, 15th April, 1794," addressed to "The Rev. Jeremy Belknap, Corresponding Secretary of the Massachusetts Historical Society," in relation to the Governor's intended disposition of the papers since known by the name of the "Trumbull Papers," be prefixed to the first volume of the "Trumbull Papers," and that the original letter be deposited with the Cabinet-Keeper of the Society, to be kept by him in the Cabinet.*

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Seamen's Aid Society, dated April 13 inst., requesting, in behalf of that institution, that permission may be granted by this Society for the removal of the portrait of Rev. Mr. Taylor "to the Chapel Room in the Mariners' House." And, thereupon, it was

Voted, To commit the subject to Messrs. F. C. Gray and Davis, with full authority to act in the premises.

On motion of Mr. C. F. ADAMS, the Index Committee for the third decade of the Society's Collections were discharged.

Voted, That the Publishing Committee of Vol. X., third series, constitute the Index Committee for the third decade.

MESSRS. WORCESTER and R. FROTHINGHAM, Jr., were chosen a committee to examine and report upon the accounts of the Treasurer for the past year. The said Committee made the following report, viz. : —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society appointed to examine the accounts of Peleg

* The original letter of David Trumbull is on file in the Cabinet of the Corresponding Secretary, in Vol. I. of Letters, p. 56. It is printed in 4 Collections, II. 240. — Eds.

W. Chandler, Treasurer of the Society, have performed that duty, and report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, and that there appears to be a balance due to the Society of nine hundred fifty-five dollars and twenty-nine cents, on general account, and one hundred twenty-six dollars and twenty cents, on the account of sales of books.*

J. E. WORCESTER, }
R. FROTHINGHAM, JR., } *Committee.*

APRIL 29, 1847.

Which report having been read,

Voted, To accept the same.

A communication from the Librarian of the American Antiquarian Society, proposing an exchange of Ἀρχαιολόγοντος, Alsted's Encyclopædia, two volumes, folio, London edition, 1649, Vol. II. of Harris's Voyages, folio, London, 1705, and Vol. V. of Purchas's Pilgrimage, belonging to the Library of that Society, for Vols. I. and III. of Purchas, duplicates, belonging to this Society, was read and referred to Messrs. F. C. GRAY and SIBLEY, with authority to make the exchange if they see fit.

On motion of the Treasurer, P. W. CHANDLER, the following statement, read by him, was ordered to be placed upon record, viz. : —

* The receipts for the year amounted to \$2,544. Of this sum \$2,419 were received for admission fees, assessments, and subscriptions, and \$125 from the Provident Institution for Savings for use of rooms. The payments amounted to \$1,652.17. The largest sum paid was \$1,099.60 to Freeman & Bolles for printing six volumes of Collections. The other items were \$313.17 to Metcalf & Co. for printing; \$80.64 for binding; \$40.50, proportion of taxes; \$104 to Mr. Felt as Librarian; and \$14.26 for miscellaneous expenses. — Eds.

The Treasurer of the Massachusetts Historical Society submits the following report for the year ending April 29, 1847:—

The whole amount in the treasury at the commencement of the year was	\$63.46
Amount received since from various sources . .	2544.00
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	\$2607.46
Amount paid out	1652.17
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Leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer	\$955.29
To which there is to be added the sum of . .	126.20
Being the amount received from the sale of the Society's Collections, and which, by a vote of the Society, is kept in a separate account.	

Of the amount received in the course of the year, a principal part, say eighteen hundred dollars, was from the subscriptions of the following named gentlemen, for the reprinting of certain volumes, viz.:—

N. Appleton	\$100	T. W. Ward	\$100
Abbott Lawrence	100	John Eliot Thayer	100
J. A. Lowell	100	Josiah Quincy	50
P. C. Brooks	100	Francis C. Lowell	50
Samuel Appleton	100	Robert G. Shaw	50
David Sears	100	William H. Prescott	50
T. H. Perkins	100	William Lawrence	50
John Welles	100	Eben Francis	50
William Appleton	100	F. C. Gray	100
William Sturgis	100		<hr/>
Samuel A. Eliot	100		\$1800
J. C. Gray	100		

There being a balance of \$313.17 due from the Society to Metcalf & Co. for printing, a vote was passed authorizing the Treasurer to borrow the amount on the credit of the Society. Before doing this, the Treasurer called upon the members of the Society in this vicinity, and addressed a circular to those at a distance, the result of which was that the sum of \$325

was subscribed in aid of the Society, of which the whole has been paid, and is included in the foregoing account with the exception of \$25.

Of the sum of \$1652.17, expended during the	
year, there has been paid, for printing . . .	\$1421.27
Salary of Librarian	104.00
Binding	80.64
Taxes	40.50
Sundries	5.76
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	\$1652.17

The ordinary receipts of this Society are derived from the annual subscriptions of three dollars for each member, and eight dollars admission fee. By the second article of our Laws and Regulations, it is provided that "If any person elected shall neglect to pay his admission money for one year after being apprised of his election, the said election shall be considered void. And if any Resident Member shall neglect to pay his annual assessment for the space of three years after it shall have become due, and have been demanded, he shall forfeit his right to its privileges, and shall no longer be considered as a member thereof. Each member, at his election, shall be furnished with an attested copy of this article. The Treasurer shall report, from time to time, those members who neglect to pay their admission or annual assessment as above required." In accordance with this article, I report the names of Daniel Webster and Francis Baylies as members whose assessments have been due more than three years, and have been demanded.*

P. W. CHANDLER, *Treasurer*.

Mr. Chandler, on account of his other engagements, declined being a candidate for re-election as Treasurer.

The Society then proceeded to ballot for officers for

* See p. 381. — Eds.

the ensuing year; and Messrs. HILLARD and SHURTLEFF were appointed a committee to collect, assort, and count the votes.

The Committee reported that the whole number of votes was fourteen, and that the following gentlemen were unanimously elected, viz.:—

JAMES SAVAGE	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD	RECORDING SECRETARY.
CHARLES LOWELL	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JOSEPH B. FELT	LIBRARIAN.
RICHARD FROTHINGHAM, JR.	TREASURER.
ISAAC P. DAVIS	CABINET-KEEPER.
FRANCIS C. GRAY	} STANDING COMMITTEE.
CONVERS FRANCIS	
ALEXANDER YOUNG	
GEORGE TICKNOR	
JOSEPH WILLARD	

On motion of Mr. CHANDLER, it was

Voted, That the President and Treasurer be authorized to invest the money of the Society at their discretion.

On motion of Mr. CHANDLER, it was further

Voted, That Messrs. F. C. Gray and Shurtleff be a Committee to examine into the state of the treasury, and to make report thereof at the next meeting.

No communications were received from the members of the Third Section.

Present—The President, C. F. Adams, Appleton, Chandler, Davis, Felt, Francis, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, Hillard, Jenks, Lowell, Paige, Palfrey, Pierce, Ripley, Shurtleff, Sibley, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

JOSEPH WILLARD,
Recording Secretary.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, May 27, 1847, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, J. L. SIBLEY was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. L. D. Johnson, James D. Graham, James Loring, the American Philosophical Society, and from Messrs. Quincy and Sibley, of this Society.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to invest the Society's funds reported that they had purchased nine shares in the Western Railroad Corporation for the sum of nine hundred forty-two dollars seventy-five cents (\$942.75), and that the same now stand in the name of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting on the accounts of the late Treasurer, P. W. Chandler, Esq., reported that

They have performed that duty, and that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, and that there appears to have been a balance due to the Society of eleven hundred and thirteen dollars forty-nine cents: to wit, one hundred and twenty-six dollars twenty cents on account of the sale of books, and nine hundred and eighty-seven dollars twenty-nine cents on general account, — which sum of eleven hundred and thirteen dollars forty-nine cents has been paid to his successor in office.

F. C. GRAY.

NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF.

MAY 27, 1847.

Which report was accepted.

No communications were received from the members of the First Section.

Present — The President, Chandler, Davis, Felt, Frothingham, Greenleaf, Hoar, Lowell, Lunt, Merrill, Quincy, Ripley, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, and White.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, June 24, 1847, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting. In the absence of the President, Hon. JOSIAH QUINCY was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Charles C. P. Moody, S. G. Drake, Increase A. Lapham, William Hyde, Dr. Charles T. Jackson, the Maine Historical Society, the Mercantile Library Association, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and from Messrs. Pierce, Sibley, and Shurtleff, of this Society.

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section.

Present — Austin, Ellis, Felt, Francis, N. L. Frothingham, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Jenks, Prescott, Quincy, Shurtleff, Sibley, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 29, 1847, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting. In the absence of the President and Recording Secretary, Rev. Dr. CODMAN was chosen President and Rev. CHANDLER ROBBINS Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the United States, Don Pedro de Angelis, J. Quincy, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Henry Gassett, N. B. Shurtleff, James Cooley, S. H. Walley, Jr., C. K. Dillaway, the American Philosophical Society, and Hon. J. Q. Adams.

A communication was read, addressed to the Society by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, respecting the "Hutchinson Papers," which was referred to the same Committee to which the previous communications on the subject have been intrusted.*

A letter was read from the Corresponding Secretary of the Racine Natural Science Association, asking donations and exchanges.

Voted, That this letter be put into the hands of the Standing Committee, with authority to act in relation to the proposition contained in it, according to their pleasure.

A communication was read from the Publishers of the "Literary World," in New York, requesting to be fur-

* We do not find this communication on file. — Eds.

nished with a monthly report of the proceedings of this Society for publication.

On motion of Hon. J. Q. ADAMS, this request was referred to the Standing Committee, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Society.

No communications were received from the Third Section.

Present — C. F. Adams, J. Q. Adams, Codman, Felt, Francis, R. Frothingham, Merrill, Pierce, Ripley, Robbins, Shurtleff, White, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Tuesday, Aug. 24, 1847, 12 M. Members of the Society convened.

The President being absent, the Rev. NATHANIEL L. FROTHINGHAM was chosen to preside.

The Recording Secretary being also absent, the Librarian was appointed in his place *pro tem*.

As there was no particular business before the Society, it was

Voted, To dissolve the meeting.

Present — I. P. Davis, Felt, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Paige, and Shurtleff. After the vote to dissolve, Messrs. J. C. Gray, Quincy, Ripley, and Young came in.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 30, 1847, 12 m. The Society held their stated meeting. In the absence of the President, Rev. Dr. BLAGDEN was chosen President *pro tem.*, and the Recording Secretary being absent, J. L. SIBLEY was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem.*

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. R. B. Forbes, Henry F. Baker, R. Soule, Jr., A. Vattermare, Benjamin Stevens, Arthur Maxwell, Thaddeus Allen, Edward Brinley, E. C. Herrick, James Loring, and from Messrs. Quincy, Prescott, Greenleaf, and Sibley, of the Society.

In presenting Mr. Vattermare's donation, the Librarian expressed the sentiments of Mr. Vattermare that an exchange of books would be very advantageous to the Society, and the subject was referred to a committee, consisting of the Librarian and Recording Secretary, with full powers to act on the subject.*

Hon. Judge WHITE announced the death of Benjamin Merrill, Esq., and moved that the Hon. John G. King, of Salem, be requested to prepare a memoir for the Society's Collections; and it was

Voted accordingly.†

* Alexander Vattermare's gift was a copy of a book entitled "Documents Inédits, relatifs à Jean, Sire de Joinville, Historien de Saint Louis." Collected and published by M. Champollion-Figeac. Published about 1844. — EDS.

† Benjamin Merrill, chosen a member in August, 1826, died July 30, 1847. Mr. King failed to perform the duty assigned to him. A memoir by Dr. Wheatland will be found in this volume, on pp. 390-392. — EDS.

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section.

Mr. DAVIS presented to the Society manuscript papers of Rev. Gideon Hawley and others ; and it was

Voted, To refer the same to the Publishing Committee.

Mr. SHATTUCK requested that, in order to complete his set of the Massachusetts laws, he might be permitted to exchange books in his possession for the deficient portions of his set, the Society not to part with any volumes except of such as there are duplicates. Whereupon, it was

Voted, To refer the subject to the Librarian and Recording Secretary.

Present — Appleton, Blagden, Davis, Ellis, Francis, R. Frothingham, Jr., Jenks, Lowell, Lunt, Paige, Ripley, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, and White.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 28, 1847, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Commonwealth, the City of Roxbury, the American Academy, Hon. John Davis, M. A. Stickney, Edmund B. Willson, and from Messrs. Sibley, Winthrop, and Willard, of the Society.

The President communicated a manuscript from a friend, entitled “ Oliver Cromwell Vindicated from the

Aspersions of Enemies.” He also communicated from our Corresponding Member, Rev. Joseph Hunter, of London, a manuscript, comprising “Genealogical notices of various persons and families who, in the reign of King Charles I., emigrated to New England from the county of Suffolk,” prepared by Rev. Matthias Candler, of Codenham, in Suffolk, a contemporary; which manuscript was referred to the Publishing Committee.*

No communications were received from the members of the Third Section, except the foregoing.

Present—The President, J. Q. Adams, Appleton, Chandler, Codman, Davis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., J. C. Gray, Lowell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Robbins, Shattuck, Sibley, White, Willard, Winthrop, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 2, 1847, 12 M. The Society held their November meeting this day, Thanksgiving having been appointed on the stated day of the meeting.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Mr. Thomas H. Webb, and from Dr. Pierce, of the Society.

Voted, That the Publishing Committee be requested to report at the next meeting: 1. What progress has been made by them in printing Vol. X., third series; 2. What progress has been made in the preparation of the index for the third series.

Also, *voted*, That a copy of this vote be sent to each member of the Committee in the State.

Voted, That the Committee appointed at April, 1846, to consider the expediency of obtaining for this Society a transcript of the records of the first fifty years of the First, Second, and Third Churches in Boston, or such parts thereof as may usefully be given, be requested to report at the next meeting.

Also, *voted*, That a copy of this vote be sent to each member of the Committee.

Voted, That the Treasurer of this Society give notice to the Resident Members, who have not paid their annual assessments for three years or more past, of such deficiency, and also send them the Rule of the Society relative to such deficiency.

Voted, That Dr. Josiah Bartlett be requested to prepare a memoir of our late member, Rev. Samuel Ripley, of Concord, deceased, for the Collections of the Society.*

Present — The President, Davis, Ellis, Felt, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., Pierce, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, and Willard.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 29, 1847, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Dr. Danforth P. Wight, Dr. Thomas H. Webb, Hon. John Davis, John Belknap, Esq., and James T. Archer, Esq., Secretary of State of Florida.

On motion of Dr. LOWELL, Rev. Dr. Jenks was chosen

* Rev. Samuel Ripley, chosen a member Jan. 27, 1820, died Nov. 24, 1847. A memoir of him by C. G. Ripley, Esq., will be found in this volume, on pp. 392-394. — Eds.

to prepare a memoir of our late member, Rev. Dr. John Codman, deceased, for the Society's Collections.*

Voted, To ratify and confirm the proceedings of the last meeting of the Society.

The Standing Committee nominated for Resident Members Dr. Henry Wheatland, of Salem, *vice* Benjamin Merrill, Esq., deceased, and Dr. Thaddeus William Harris, of Cambridge, Librarian of the College, *vice* Rev. Samuel Ripley, deceased.

Rev. Dr. FROTHINGHAM, from the Committee on the Church Records, pursuant to the vote of the last meeting, reported, among other things, that the Committee are entirely agreed in the opinion that such copies may with propriety and advantage be made and placed in the Library of the Society, and accordingly signify their disposition and purpose to furnish the same. Which report was read and accepted, and placed on file.

Dr. LOWELL, from the Second Section, read a letter from the late Rev. Dr. Belknap to Joseph Whipple, Esq., of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, dated Boston, Nov. 29, 1791, in relation to his History of New Hampshire.

On motion of Dr. LOWELL,

Voted, That a committee be appointed to prepare Vol. I., of the fourth series of the Collections.

And, on motion of Mr. TICKNOR, it was further

Voted, That the said Committee be appointed on a nomination to be made by the President at the next meeting.

Voted, That the Treasurer be requested to report at the next annual meeting in April, whether the funds of the Society will allow of the publication annually of a volume of Collections.

* Rev. Dr. Jenks's memoir of Rev. Dr. Codman is in the Proceedings for February, 1862, pp. 413-427. — Eds.

Voted, That Messrs. Lowell, F. C. Gray, and Young be a committee to consider the expediency of so publishing the future volumes of the Society's Collections that a part of the impression shall not be designated as volumes of the Society's Collections. Also, to consider whether the Society can advantageously make any other change in the mode or form of their publications.

Dr. Lowell having been excused at his own request, and for reasons stated by him, the President was chosen in his stead.

Present — The President, Appleton, Davis, Ellis, Felt, Francis, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., Hoar, Lincoln, Lowell, Lunt, Paige, Pierce, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1848.

Thursday, Jan. 27, 1848, 12 m. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Mr. William H. Dillingham, the Mercantile Library Association, Hon. Caleb Foote, and from Messrs. Winthrop, Bowen, and Davis, of the Society.

The President, pursuant to the vote of the last meeting, nominated Messrs. Jenks, Ticknor, Young, and Shurtleff to prepare Vol. I. of the fourth series of the Society's Collections; and it was thereupon

Voted, That the above-named gentlemen constitute the Publishing Committee for that volume.